

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

Kindly amend lines 15-25 on page 14 as follows:

-- In addition, each groove ~~12~~14 of the monofilament 10 has a cross-sectional shape that can be U-shaped, key-way shaped, C-shaped, V-shaped, square, rectangular, trapezoidal, or other shape suitable for the purpose. As one example, the grooves ~~12~~14 shown in FIGS. 5(a) through 5(f) have a U-shaped cross section. As another example, the grooves ~~12~~14 in FIGS. 5(g) and 5(h) have a "key-way" shaped cross section. Note that the shape of the key-way groove ~~12~~14 can vary, as long as the bottom of the groove ~~12~~14 is wider than the top. --

Kindly amend page 14, line 32 - page 15, line 3 as follows:

-- In this connection, note that the top and bottom grooves ~~12~~14 are aligned. In addition, the grooves ~~12~~14 can be offset, as shown in FIG. 5(d), so to limit the risk of splitting of the monofilament 10. --

Kindly amend lines 4-12 on page 16 as follows:

-- Advantageously, the grooves ~~12~~14 of the inventive monofilaments 10 provide channels for the air passing over the fabric. In connection with this feature, the cross sectional shape of the grooves ~~12~~14 need not necessarily be one that mechanically locks with a coating. As a further benefit, the grooves ~~12~~14 increase the void volume of the fabric without increasing its caliper (thickness). --